

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 306

By Swafford

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Reverend Roland Smith upon the celebration of his twenty-fifth anniversary as pastor of Central Baptist Church.

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee has been fortunate during its history to benefit from the outstanding leadership provided by those committed ministers of the Gospel who lead churches across this State and who, with their congregations, provide the bedrock strength that defines an orderly and just society; and

WHEREAS, one such dedicated pastor and church leader is the Reverend Roland Smith, who has served for twenty-five years as the pastor of Central Baptist Church, during which time he has eagerly served his flock through numerous endeavors; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday, April 7, 1985, Reverend Smith became the pastor of Central Baptist Church in Crossville; and

WHEREAS, under his loving guidance, Central Baptist Church has seen its membership grow to more than 1,100 members, the building and dedication of a new sanctuary in 2000, and the addition of multiple church staff positions; and

WHEREAS, married in 1972, Reverend Smith and his wife, Phyllis, are the proud parents of three children and their spouses: Jeremy and Mollie Busler, Will and Julia Smith, and Eric and Callie Shaver. They also have four grandchildren: Hannah Busler, Nathan Busler, Emma Grace Smith, and Caitlyn Elizabeth Smith; and

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body are delighted to join in honoring this committed Christian and dynamic leader in the realm of the church and civic life — an eminent citizen of Tennessee and of his community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby join with the

members of the Central Baptist Church in Crossville in honoring the Reverend Roland Smith for his life of continuing service to God and humanity, as well as to his community, State, and nation. We commend Pastor Smith upon his twenty-fifth year as the pastor of Central Baptist Church and offer our best wishes for much continued happiness and every success and satisfaction in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.